Agency Operations Plan 2015-17

Agency:

1600 – Legislative Council

Line of Business: (optional)

Legislative Council

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Technology Strategy:

Legislative Council utilizes many information technology solutions to support the Legislative Assembly and backend legislative business processes. One of the major solutions is the bill drafting solution (LEGEND). LEGEND will continue to be enhanced, including but not limited to enhancements to include the drafting management of other document types, administrative code, interim committee meeting notices, agenda, and minutes, and letters and memos. LEGEND functionality and workflows will continue to be enhanced to include more automation and functionality improvements. All information technology solutions are continually reviewed for needed maintenance and enhancements.

Technology Infrastructure:

LEGEND is both a client and a server solution. The server solution is hosted on ITD's VMware server environment and consists of custom and open source components, including Apache HTTP Server, Apache ActiveMQ, Apache Subversion, and MySQL. Legislative Council manages all Legislative Branch desktop and laptop computers via Microsoft SCCM and Wave Systems and all Apple tablets using Citrix XenMobile Enterprise. Legislative Branch server infrastructure is hosted in the ITD Agency Data Center which is located next to the main state data center. The server infrastructure consists of HP blades, SAN, and data backup systems. All servers/applications are virtualized via VMware vSphere. SharePoint Foundation 2013 is utilized to manage simple document libraries and task lists.

Planned Activities:

A hardware refresh is scheduled for 2016, including staff laptops, desktops, and mobile devices.

Complete the adding of additional document types (memos and letters) to LEGEND and continue to enhance drafting and engrossment processes and workflow functionality to increase automation and user productivity.

Review and implement applicable disaster recovery practices for legislative council hosted systems.

Technologies being considered or investigated: